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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This document is submitted in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 17, 2002. Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-24, drawn to a composition containing an enzyme, surfactant and dye, and a method of stabilizing an enzyme by combining a surfactant with the enzyme and a dye, classified in class 435, subclass 188. The election is made without traverse. Applicants request that claims 25-45 be withdrawn from examination without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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